



April 6, 2022

Representative Tina Liebling  
Chair, Health Finance and Policy Committee  
477 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Liebling and Members of the Committee:

Minnesota's Prenatal to Three Coalition (PN-3) is excited to support HF 4706 and the significant investments in Minnesota's youngest children, their families, and their caregivers. We believe public investments aimed at supporting healthy growth, development and learning will positively position children and families for a lifetime of prosperity. Below we highlight some key provisions we hope the Committee will support this Legislative Session:

1. Support and sustain **Community Solutions Fund for Healthy Child Development** to allow community members to identify solutions to managing and address issues and challenges addressing families.
2. Support for voluntary **Family Home Visiting services for every infant** to improve maternal and child outcomes and address the mental health needs of parents, child and families as well as provide continued support for housing, food and employment
3. Support **Healthy Beginnings, Healthy Families** to increase knowledge and access to early childhood services, address infant mortality and assist children who have justice involved parents.
4. Expansion of **mental health** services and support the workforce.
5. Support for **lead testing, remediation, and grants for elevated blood levels** to prevent future harm to young children.

Minnesota families have struggled during the pandemic. Please join us in supporting HF 4706 to help families get back on track and move forward with a strong, stable start in life.

Thank you,

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